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ARRIVAL TOUR

On August 16th the Fall 2010 China Horizons Teachers embarked on the longest “Arrival Tour” in China Horizons history. This fall the teachers who chose to participate in the arrival tour visited both Hong Kong and Beijing during their 12-day trip.

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The group flew into Hong Kong and hit the road running! In Hong Kong the teachers had the opportunity to:

- Ride the tram up to Victoria Peak
- Visit the Hong Kong LDS Temple
- Take the cable car to the Ngong Ping Big Buddha Monastery
- Take the Star Ferry across the harbor and watch the laser show set on the Hong Kong island skyline.
- Shop at the famous Temple Street night market

The group left Hong Kong via Shenzhen and took a flight to Beijing. Over the course of 5 days in Beijing the group was able to:

- Go to church in Beijing and revisit America at Pres. Lewis's home.
- Hike the Great Wall of China
- Walk through the Forbidden City
- Take in the grandeur of Tiananmen Square
- See the Olympic Venues
- Visit the Summer Palace
- Strolled through the Ming Tombs
- Eat some famous Peking Duck
- Visit a jade and silk factory
- Shop at some intense markets filled with hard bargaining and great knock-off products.

After that the group had two 8-hour days of intense teacher training by the one and only Gail Chou.

The Arrival Tour was extremely busy, and most teachers probably needed a vacation after their vacation, but all in all it was a huge success. Hopefully it will be an experience the teachers will never forget, and a tradition that will be re-experienced by many teachers in the future!



Holly Eating Some Peking Duck

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The Church Group in Front of the Lewis's House



The FLIGHT Over





Hong Kong





The Temple Group in Front of the HK Temple



HK Skyline From Victoria Peak

Grant Fawson's HongKong

Hong Kong was amazing! Better than we dreamed.

The trip was long but enthralling; as most of us had never been to China. It was a long 14-hour flight to Korea, with another 4-hour flight to Hong Kong. It made no sense how we missed Tuesday on the flight, freaky!

The plane turned its last corners into the harbor, home to the Hong Kong Airport. The city was beautiful with its peaks shooting up into the sky like razors behind the city. I couldn't believe when I landed that I was actually in China, a personal long time dream for me. It was so surreal! Many people dream of traveling the world and seeing the sights, but very few get the opportunity, I was blessed in being able to fulfill what I longed to do.

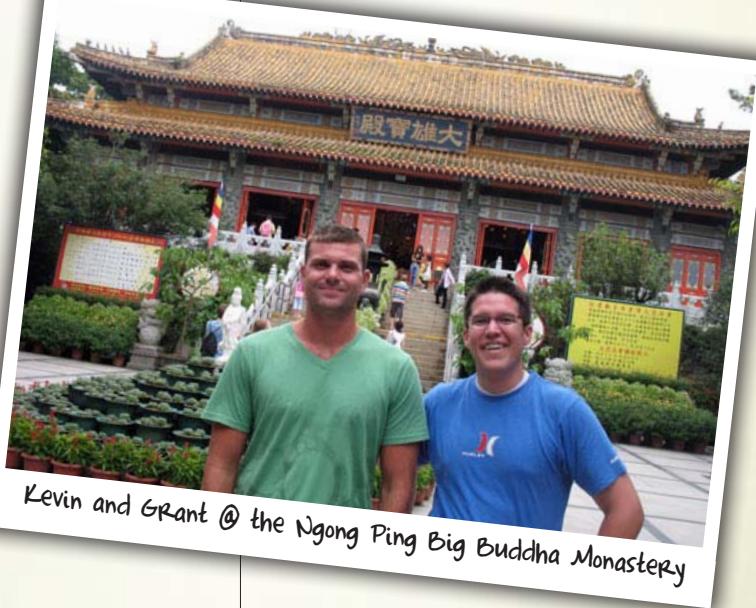
It was tough to step into the thick Hong Kong air and barely be able to breathe; you felt like you should be swimming, not breathing it in.

The first night was the trip to Victoria Peak to look out over the city with all its lights and millions below. The second day was to snag a look at the Big Buddha as we rode a 20-minute tram ride up

the mountain. I personally thought that looking out over the hills and ocean from the Buddha was one of the most beautiful and peaceful things I've ever seen. The third night was led by a ferry ride across the

bay to watch the lights dance like figurines off the buildings. Quite the sight!

All in all, the trip over exceeded our expectations of what Hong Kong could have been, and for many of us, in our sights to return at some future point.



Kevin and Grant @ the Ngong Ping Big Buddha Monastery



Beijing



Chandler Burrow's BEIJING

Holly, Chandler, and Cambria in front of the Great Wall of China

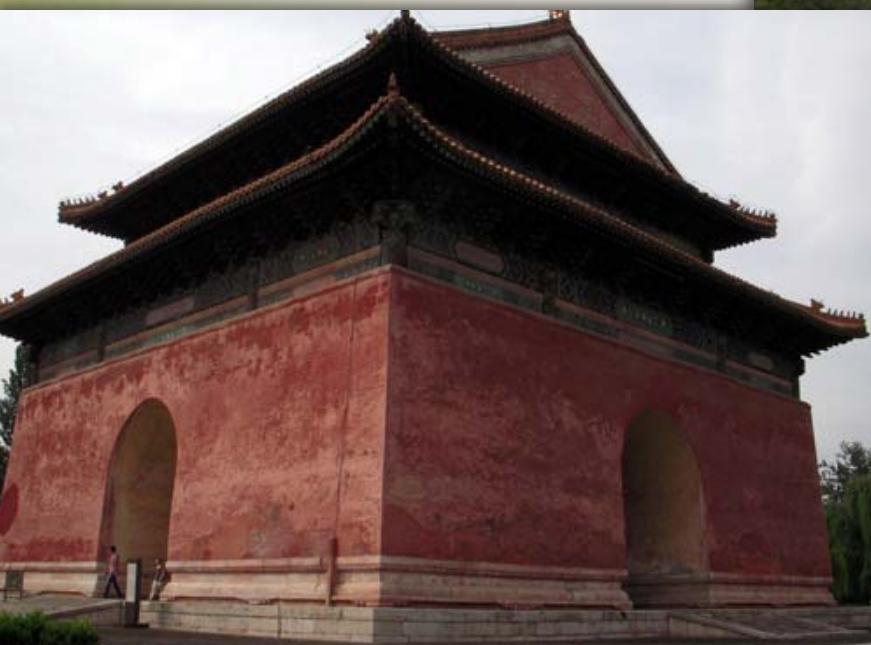
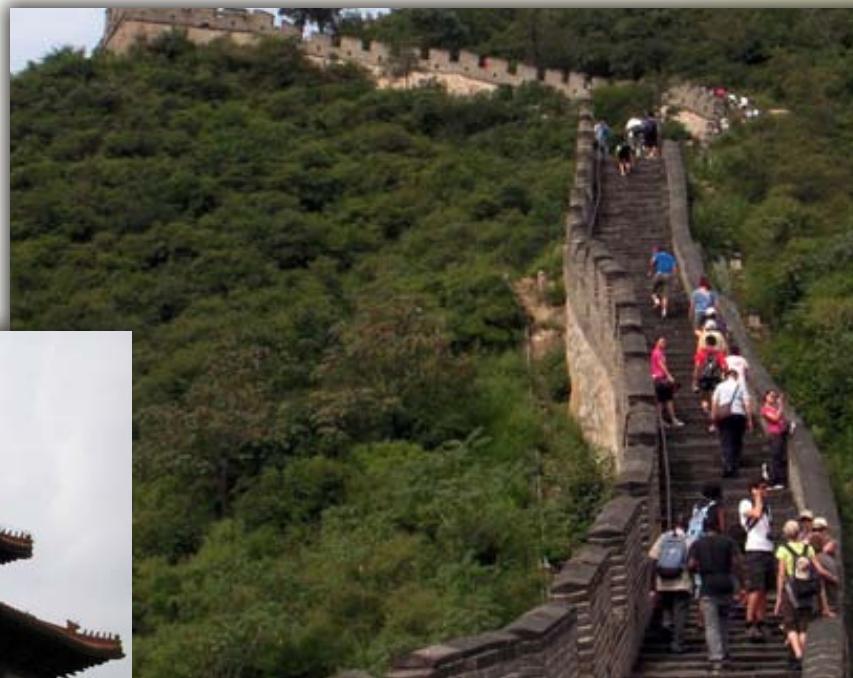


Ni Hao Great Wall!!!

The first thing I will always think of when I think of my trip to Beijing will be hiking the Great Wall. I know that it sounds cliché, but when asked to write about Beijing, how could I not talk about the Great Wall?

It will always be an experience I will never forget. Our bus full of Americans were dropped off in front of a part of the wall, with a small reminder from our wonderful tour guide, Clement, of a quote by Mao, "He who has not climbed the Great Wall is not a true man." This quote confused me until I realized the great task it actually is to hike the Great Wall. Cambria, Holly, Ashley and I started the climb straight up the wall feeling like we were becoming the "man" or in our case "woman" Mao was implying.

We struggled, mostly because of the humid heat us Americans were not used to. To help our spirits, we decided to use our new found Chinese skills in saying "Ni Hao!" to absolutely everyone we passed. It became an experience I will never forget, seeing the quick "Hello!" back with wide smiles. We found many opportunities to meet, and speak to Chinese university students, and also fellow foreigners. We also became celebrities to some, stopping often to take pictures with families. We finished the hike with sore legs, red faces, and glad hearts.



CHURCH IN BEIJING

We've all gone through some culture shock while in China but for me, I experienced a double culture shock traveling through Hong Kong and Beijing. Even though I'm not an LDS member, I was open to learning about the culture and ideals of the Mormon religion. While we were in Beijing I decided to attend church with the group. When we arrived I felt like I had just entered a little piece of America. I thought it was great that people all over China were so dedicated to attending church.

Something I'll remember from this experience is the lesson that one of the brothers taught. I liked that he gave moral advice according to different scenarios. They took the time to contemplate what is right and wrong in everyday life. You don't have to be a member to know what is right and wrong, but I appreciated that they took the initiative to set aside time in their lives (even in the middle of traveling through China) to ground themselves and stay strong in their beliefs.

By traveling, living and talking with members I now understand more about their Faith. One thing that I found interesting is that they all have

a different perspective of what being LDS means. Many questions came up for me and a lot of doubts still run through my mind, but one thing I've concluded is that no matter the differences in beliefs they are all trying to be good people based on what they perceive is the truth.

-Adriane Stoia



Athena & Adriane Leaving Hostel



Waiting for Taco Soup @ the Lewis's



Ryan & Hailey Playing the Piano



Teacher Training



TEACHER TRAINING

We invited Gail Chou back for the VERY successful China Horizons Teacher Training. Gail is a long-time educator in both the US and China. Gail has been living in Luoyang, Henan, China for the last six years. She teaches at the Luoyang #2 Foreign Language School and has a deep and genuine love for the Chinese people and especially for her students. She is not only a teacher at Luoyang #2 but also a basketball coach/fan/referee! She spearheaded the institution of the first Luoyang #2 girl's city league team.

The 16 hours of training consisted of intense, interactive, and insightful activities to help teachers better understand the



Teacher Trainer, Gail Chou

Chinese classroom environment and gain a more substantial idea of what kinds of lessons could be used in the classroom. She modeled her class management and discipline methods by implementing them during the training period. This found a few teachers on the floor doing push-ups or singing "I'm a Little Tea Pot" in front of the class. Though a full two days of training is not usually at the top of most teachers "To Do" while in China, the time was well spent and greatly benefited the teachers as they left to apply what they learned in their own schools. Gail had a goal to send the teachers away with at least 10 complete lesson plans, though many were said to have left with even more!



Michael Looks Least Like His Passport Photo

Grant and Chandler Being Trained

TEACHER TRAINING

Every young child has a favorite hero or princess that it looks up to. For me, it was Mulan - the first movie I ever saw in theatres. I was drawn to her free spirit and her attitude of doing the right thing, for the right reason.

One of the most memorable experiences for me from Beijing, was climbing part of the Great Wall. Climbing (literally...) the Great Wall was fun, but the part that I remember the most was meeting so many wonderful Chinese people.

Although I was in a hurry to finish, it was worth the time spent to share a smile, and laugh with them at my poorly spoken Chinese; doing what I could to make it something special for them as well.

Hopefully, as we all continue through this adventure, we can make the best out of every situation, always be ready to learn and do whatever it is we do for the right reasons and with all our heart.

During teacher training, we gained new confidence - now it is our time to use that, and to make something out of it. As you do so, you will catch a thicker desire to willingly help those around you. Good luck!

- Rachel Jones



Rachel & Jacob



Tessa Presenting a Lesson



Lara & Alyson Webster

FINDING CHINA

Arriving in Beijing I was anxious to take in all that China had to offer. I wanted to see and understand all there is to understand and experience all the sights.

I began to photograph the buildings, advertisements, and food. But it wasn't until my last night in Beijing that I finally began to really see a true glimpse of China. I didn't find it on the great wall

or in the Forbidden City, or Summer Palace, as stunning as they were. It was on a dirty street that I saw a piece of China. Two little boys playing on the ground greeted us with a "Hellow!" and as they walked us down the street, their eyes sparkling, I finally found what I was looking for. I couldn't help but smile with joy. I'm officially in China, and luckily it's just begun.

-Amber Duncan



Favorite Part of Arrival Tour

Two things really stand out for me thus far in China, the Great Wall and the Olympic Park. Although I was very impressed with the trip as a whole, these two meant a lot to me.

The Great Wall was not just a tourist attraction for me, it was an opportunity to see and feel an iconic piece of world history. I've seen pictures of the Great Wall in National Geographic, on television and movies, as well as history books since I was a small child. China Horizons made seeing the Great Wall a reality instead of just saying, "I'd like to go there someday".

Coming from a competitive swimming background, seeing the Birds Nest and the Water Cube was also a highlight of my CH arrival tour. In 2008 I, like most of the world, was glued to the TV watching as Michael Phelps made Olympic history winning 8 gold medals. I feel very fortunate to have been able to see firsthand the venue where Olympic history was made just two years ago. For me it was a very surreal experience and I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity.

-Kevin Turnmire



Favorite Part of Arrival Tour

Beijing was incredible! The sights were astounding, but my favorite part by far was finding a sketchy beauty parlor filled with trendy Asian men, and getting a haircut while they videotaped the whole process.

-Hannah Teichert



When I first arrived in China I was so overwhelmed, excited, and scared. Once we finally settled in to our hostel in Hong Kong I was kind of at a loss for words.

We spent a few days traveling through Hong Kong, seeing the most amazing things, my favorite being Victoria Peak. We waited in what seemed the longest line in my life, to ride a trolley up to Victoria's Peak. As the trolley squeaked I couldn't help but think any second we would roll down the mountain, crushing people and buildings. Safely we reached the top and as I walked out that door, the view took my breath away.

It was a cold, windy night in Hong Kong, but everything looked so bright and alive. It was amazing to experience that view, one that usually is from a bird's eye.

-Ashley Dykstra



Saying GOODBYE



First Impressions of China



Disneyland without the rides-Lots of people, lots of lights, and overpriced.

-Christopher Neil

Just like any bustling city in the states there are sky scrapers, bumper-to-bumper traffic and crowded sidewalks. However the buildings drip something onto my head, the cars follow no traffic laws and people practically pick me up to move me out of their walkway.

-Athena Galgiani



Everyone knows China is the most populated country in the world, but I was definitely not prepared for the masses. The people are so friendly but they do not have any sense for personal space.

-Lara Smith



Well, my first thought was that this place was much cleaner than I had imagined, with the infrastructure being really well built like America, along with cheap food.

-Jamison Jones



My first impression of China? Huge, stinky, and dirty! Though the people here had a good first impression on me. I find their way of life so fascinating! They are hilarious people. And they love me! ha ha:)

-Leah Walters



CHINESE CORNER

NUMBERS



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7 七 Qī	8 八 Bā	9 九 Jiǔ	10 十 Shí	100 百 Bǎi		

For Teens

EXAMPLES

- shí sì (14)
十四
- shí yī (11)
十一
- shí qī (17)
十七

For 20, 30, etc.

EXAMPLES

- sān shí (30)
三十
- wǔ shí (50)
五十
- bā shí (80)
八十

For 100's

EXAMPLES

- yī bǎi (100)
一百
- sì bǎi (400)
四百
- liù bǎi (600)
六百



Fall 2010 Teachers



